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1. DECEMBER 20 LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS ARRIVAL IN TRIPOLI
OF ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FRONT CHAIRMAN REV. NDABANINGI
SITHOLE. ACCORDING TO LIBYAN NEWS SERVICE, SITHOLE IS
QUOTED SAYING THE "ESCALATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE WAS
BEST WAY FOR REALIZING INDEPENDENCE. IAN SMITH IS USING
THESE NEGOTIATIONS AS MEANS TO REORGANIZE HIS ARMED
FORCES AND TO RAISE THEIR COLLAPSING MORALE." SITHOLE
INDICATED THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO LIBYA WAS TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITY OF ARMED SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF ZIMBABWE
PEOPLE.

COMMENT: ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FRONT LEADER SITHOLE'S VISIT
TO TRIPOLI FOLLOWS THAT OF ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ABEL MUZOWERWA'S VISIT IN MAY OF THIS
YEAR. SITHOLE STATEMENT TO PRESS THAT "ADJOURNMENT
OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ONLY A STALLING TACTIC OF
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SMITH AND PRESENCE OF ZIMBABWE LEADER HERE MAY BODE
ILL FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF GENEVA NEGOTIATION.
COL. QADHAFI HAS FREQUENTLY PLEDGED LIBYAN SUPPORT
TO ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SITHOLE
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF THIS
SUPPORT.

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